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1. ANNOUNCEMENT BY MENA OF SADAT'S INTENTION TO MEET WITH CAR GROUP TO DISCUSS "SETTLING OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN EGYPT AND LIBYA", PLUS APPARENT END TO EGYPTIAN PRESS ATTACKS ON QADHAFI, INCREASES PRESSURE ON QADHAFI TO RESPOND IN KIND. WE FIND PROMISE OF MEETING WITH CAR "MINISTERS" SIGNIFICANT. RCC APRIL 17 PROTEST TO SADAT CALLED ON HIM TO TAKE CAR OUT OF "REFRIGERATOR", AND TO ORDER RESUMPTION OF WORK IN "UNIONIST COMMITTEES". CAR IS OF COURSE QADHAFI'S PREFERRED VEHICLE FOR RE-INSERTING HIMSELF IN EGYPTIAN AND SYRIAN COUNCILS, AND HE HAS LONG WANTED MEETING WITH SADAT IN THIS CONTEXT.

2. WE ALSO NOTE THAT LIBYAN SUPPORTED BEIRUT DAILY SAFIR, WHICH LIBYANS OFTEN USE TO LEAK INFORMATION, CLAIMS THAT SYRIAN PRESIDENT AL-ASSAD EXPRESSED TO
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A CAR DELEGATION HIS READINESS TO MEDIATE THE SADAT-

QADHAFI DISPUTE IN HIS CAPACITY AS THIRD PARTY TO CAR. SAFIR SAYS AL-ASAD TOLD CAR DELEGATION THAT SOLUTION TO DISPUTE COULD BE BROUGHT ABOUT BY END TO MEDIA CAMPAIGNS, AND A MEETING OF SADAT, AL-ASAD, AND QADHAFI AS "PRESIDENTIAL COUNCIL" OF CAR. "OFFICIAL SYRIAN CIRCLES" ARE QUOTED BY SAFIR AS SAYING THAT A MORE VIGOROUS CAR WOULD BRING ABOUT BETTER RELATIONS BETWEEN ALL THREE MEMBER COUNTRIES, SO AS TO PREVENT SUCH DISPUTES IN FUTURE. CAR DELEGATION IS TO REPORT BACK TO ASAD ON CHANCES FOR A SUCCESSFUL MEDIATION, ITS FIRST TASK BEING, ACCORDING TO SAFIR, TO BRING A STOP TO PRESS ATTACKS.

3. NONE OF THIS IS REPORTED BY LIBYAN PRESS, WHICH CONTINUES TO CHURN OUT ANTI-SADAT PROPAGANDA. ARTICLE IN MAY 6 PRESS, FOR EXAMPLE, CHARGES THAT SADAT ONCE SERVED AS BUSINESS AGENT FOR AN UNIDENTIFIED EMIR, AND THAT HE WAS FIRED BY NASSER FROM ALL GOVERNMENTAL DUTIES BECAUSE OF THIS CONNECTION. AS A RESULT SADAT IS ALLEGED TO HAVE TURNED THIS JOB OVER TO PRESENT MINISTER OF STATE MOHAMMED HAMED MAHMUD, WHILE KEEPING TWO-THIRDS OF THE EMIR'S RETAINER FOR HIMSELF.
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